

AMENDED CLAIMS

23. (cancelled)

24. (amended) A method of decreasing phagocytosis or ICAM-1 expression in a mammalian cell in need thereof, comprising contacting the cell with [an] a therapeutically phagocytosis- or ICAM-1 decreasing effective amount of [an agent] soybean milk containing soybean trypsin inhibitor that specifically decreases phagocytosis or ICAM-1 expression.

25. (cancelled)

28. (original) The method of claim 24, wherein the agent inhibits the PAR-2 pathway.

29. (original) The method of claim 24, wherein the agent is selected from the group consisting of a soybean derivative and a serine protease inhibitor.

30. (amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the agent is selected from the group consisting of soybean milk containing soybean trypsin inhibitor[, soybean paste, Compound I, a trypsin inhibitor, a tryptase inhibitor, a thrombin inhibitor and STI].

31. (original) The method of claim 23 or 24, wherein the mammalian cell is a PAR-2-expressing cell.

32. (original) The method of claim 31, wherein the mammalian cell is selected from the group consisting of a keratinocyte, a fibroblast, and a professional phagocyte.

33. (original) The method of claim 32, wherein the mammalian cell is a keratinocyte.

34. (original) The method of claim 32, wherein the mammalian cell is a fibroblast.

35. (original) The method of claim 32, wherein the mammalian cell is a professional phagocyte.

36. (original) The method of claim 23 or 24, wherein the mammalian cell is a human cell.

37. (cancelled)

38. (amended) A method of treating a mammal afflicted with a disorder ameliorated by a decrease in phagocytosis or ICAM-1 expression in appropriate cells, which comprises topically administered to the cells [mammal] in need thereof a phagocytosis- or ICAM-1-decreasing therapeutically effective amount of [an agent] soybean milk containing soybean trypsin inhibitor that specifically decreases phagocytosis or ICAM-1 expression.

39. (cancelled)

40. (amended) A method of preventing a mammal afflicted with a disorder ameliorated by a decrease in phagocytosis or ICAM-1 expression in appropriate cells, which comprises topically administering to the cells [mammal] in need thereof a prophylactically phagocytosis- or ICAM-1 decreasing effective amount of [an agent] soybean milk containing soybean trypsin inhibitor that specifically decreases phagocytosis or ICAM-1 expression.

41. (cancelled)

44. (original) The method of claim 38 or 40, wherein the agent inhibits the PAR-2 pathway.

45. (amended) The method of claim 38 or 40, wherein the agent is selected from the group consisting of [a] soybean milk containing soybean trypsin inhibitor [soybean derivative and a serine protease inhibitor].

46. (amended) The method of claim 45, wherein the agent is selected from the group consisting of soybean milk containing soybean trypsin inhibitor[, soybean paste, Compound I, a trypsin inhibitor, a tryptase inhibitor, a thrombin inhibitor and STI].

47. (original) The method of claim 37, 38, 39 or 40, wherein the appropriate cells are PAR-2-expressing cells.

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58. (original) The method of claim 37, 38, 39 or 40, wherein the mammal is a human.